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**VIA EMAIL**

*Re: FOIA Request FY2019-066 Production 1*

Dear Ms. Corey:

This letter is the first production response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request that you sent to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). You have sought the following:

All agency records regarding the Presidential Committee on Climate Security (PCCS), including but not limited to, agency records regarding the Deputies Committee Meeting on the Presidential Committee on Climate Security which took place on February 22, 2018 including but not limited to meeting minutes, correspondence and memos prepared in preparation for this meeting, and contemporaneous notes. Relevant materials posted by the National Geographic Society are provided here for reference ><https://www.slideshare.net/Revkin/the-plan-for-a-trump-committee-on-climate-and-security><, and need not be included in the production.

All communications between Mary Neumayr, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and William Happer, Patrick Moore, or any other member or representative of the CO2 Coalition. To assist with your search for responsive records, one email address used by William Happer is [Happer@princeton.edu](mailto:Happer@princeton.edu)

CEQ is conducting a search for responsive documents. For this first production, we have processed all potentially responsive **digital records** and identified 155 pages of documents responsive to your request, enclosed. For paper records, the search for responsive documents have been completed, and the records are currently under review. We have determined that exemptions be applied in 50 redaction instances pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which protects information from disclosure that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we redacted email addresses and phone numbers. We have determined that exemptions be applied in 153 redaction instance pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). The information redacted under Exemption 5 protects materials under the deliberative process privilege and the

presidential communications privilege. Specifically, CEQ redacted communications between CEQ and the White House Policy Coordinator regarding planning and scheduling documents, and communications between CEQ and the White House Staff Secretary regarding the proposed PCCS.

This release constitutes a denial in part. Release of this information does not foreclose CEQ from claiming an exemption or privilege with regard to any similar documents in response to a subsequent FOIA request.

You may obtain additional information by contacting me by email or telephone. Also, you have a right to seek assistance or dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Their webpage is <https://ogis.archives.gov/> and their phone number is (202) 741-5770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard Sun".

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